

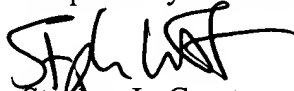
REMARKS

New claims 14 and 15 distribute a pair of limitations initially presented together in claim 2. New claim 16 makes the limitation of claim 7 depend from claim 6 rather than claim 5. New claim 17 divides out a further limitation of claim 10, making it dependent from claim 10. New claim 18 divides out one of a pair of limitations initially presented in claim 4, making it depend from claim 1.

The above claims have been amended to more closely correspond them to United States claiming practice, namely, by removing multiple dependencies, especially improper multiple dependencies, by removing reference numerals, and by clarifying antecedent basis issues. These amendments to the claims are fully supported by the literal translation into English of the specification as filed in Germany, and they do not introduce new subject matter.

The claims as amended are provided on clean sheets.

Respectfully submitted,



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